

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please CANCEL claim 9 without prejudice:

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Device for stacking tube sections for producing bags, comprising a transporting facility which supplies the tube sections to a stacking station the transporting facility including:

an upper transport,

a lower transport formed in a region of the stacking station by two endless conveyor belts, which revolve above the stacking station outside of lateral edges of the tube sections, and

at least two cross members which connect the two endless conveyor belts and which are disposed with uniform spacings corresponding to spacings between leading edges of consecutively supplied tube sections.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device of claim 1, wherein downstream ends of the lower transport and the upper transport are offset relative to one another in a longitudinal direction thereof.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device of claim 1, wherein at least one leaf spring is disposed in the upper transport and presses the tube section provided downward in a direction of the stacking station.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device of claim 1, wherein the transporting facility has an inlet section, in which a vertical distance between the upper and lower conveyor belts decreases in a transporting direction.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device of claim 4, further comprising a length-adjustable clamping roller in the inlet section, which deflects the upper conveyor belt against the lower conveyor belt, in order to take hold of the leading edge of a tube section, which has been supplied.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The transporting facility of claim 1, further comprising a severing device upstream from the transporting facility, with which an endless tube is divided into tube sections.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device of claim 6, wherein the serving device has a tear-of head, which tears off the tube sections at pre-perforated places from an endless tube.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device of claim 6, wherein a transporting speed of the transporting facility is greater than a speed with which the tube is supplied upstream to the serving device.

9. (CANCELLED)

10. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 2, wherein at least one leaf spring is disposed in the upper transport and presses the tube section provided downward in a direction of the stacking station.

11. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 2, wherein the transporting facility has an inlet section, in which a vertical distance between the upper and lower conveyor belts decreases in a transporting direction.

12. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 3, wherein the transporting facility has an inlet section, in which a vertical distance between the upper and lower conveyor belts decreases in a transporting direction.

13. (ORIGINAL) The transporting facility of claim 2, further comprising a severing device upstream from the transporting facility, with which an endless tube is divided into tube

sections.

14. (ORIGINAL) The transporting facility of claim 3, further comprising a severing device upstream from the transporting facility, with which an endless tube is divided into tube sections.

15. (ORIGINAL) The transporting facility of claim 4, further comprising a severing device upstream from the transporting facility, with which an endless tube is divided into tube sections.

16. (ORIGINAL) The transporting facility of claim 5, further comprising a severing device upstream from the transporting facility, with which an endless tube is divided into tube sections.

17. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 7, wherein a transporting speed of the transporting facility is greater than a speed, with which the tube is supplied upstream to the severing device.